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Washington, DC 20554

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Please accept my comments on PR Docket 92-154.
I have inclosed 9 copies one for each commissioner

Please send me a copy of the docket so I can look it over
and make futher comments if needed.

Thank You
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*PS
is There a way That
The Computer Can Find
all The Exams (Names)
That I have Given?
Novice Only*

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Before the
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In the matter of)
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Amendment of the Amateur Service) Pr Docket No. 92-154
Rules to include Novice Class)
Operator License Examinations)
In the Volunteer-Examiner)
Coordinator Examination System)

My Comments to Proposed Rule Makeing

I feel I am qualified to make comments for the following reasons

1. I have been teaching Novice Classes for 17 years. this has been a continous operation with 2 or 3 classes a year. I have taught hundreds of Novices!. The stack of Exams in my file is now about 3 inches high.

2. I have been first runner-up for ARRL Novice Instructor of the year.

3. I have been involved in the V E program since its beginning and am the team contact person, also the team liaison with the ARRL and responsible for the Exams stocked by our Exam Team.

First the Novice Program is not broke and does not need fixing!!

The Novice Instructors Are needed so Amateur Radio will grow in the right direction, So that Amateur Radio does not turn into another C B fiasco. You learn a lot more in a Novice Class than just what you read in books!! IF the Examinations are taken away from the novice Instructors you will loose a lot of us. The Novice instructors and Elmers are the core of Amateur Radio. They should Continue to give the Examinations!

The Novice Classroom is a much more relaxing place to take an Exam than A V E session! Most of the time when I think that a good percentage of the class is ready for the Code Test, I give a Test and they don't know it until I tell them to put name and address on the paper. this gets rid of the

jitters and anxiety of the code test. To have to give advance notice of an Exam would not allow me to do this.

The ARRL states that since the creation of the codeless Technician License, Beginners are flocking to the Codeless Technician License. That is true for the People that are to lazy, or think they cannot learn the morse code, But there are a lot of people who want to operate Amateur Radio on the traditional Amateur Bands. These people start out in a novice class and work their way up. This not to say that when a person gets a Nocode tech they stay there, as some of them come to the Novice Class to learn the code.

The ARRL claims with the VE program they have more uniform Exams. The ARRL lets a computer pick the questions. I pick only Questions from the pool that a Novice NEEDS to and should know. and will never use a Question that requires an opinion.

The ARRL says that most VE's have been making applicants feel at home for eight years. Then why do Candidates drive 100 miles just to take an Exam in Saginaw. They must not feel comfortable at most of them in their area!

Fee's Oh yes fee's well what we Novice Instructors do for free the ARRL and the rest of the VEC's will get all them fee's. In my opinion it does not cost \$5.40 to administer an Exam. A lot of "creative" booking must be going on. The only expenses our Exam Team has taken out is for coffee and donuts at the national convention last year. There have never been any fee's charged at a novice class that I have taught, or at a Novice Exam!, or should there ever be!

When I give a Novice Exam it goes right to the FCC and not sit around the ARRL for two weeks or more!! I mail the Exams for the VE session in Saginaw before noon on the same day by Express mail, and it takes the ARRL an average of 17 days to send it to the FCC. Want proof, I got all the post cards from the ARRL telling me when the Exams are send on to the FCC! "When they read this mybe they will shape up!"

More errors? resulting in delays. I surmise that they are first time Examiners. Talk about delays see paragraph above!

For the VEC's to imply that some novice instructors might not be honest is an insult and don't deserve an answer

The ARRL says that at a VE session a Certificate of successful completion is given. All that is nessesary at a Novice Exam is to make copy of both sides of the 610 form for the New Novice to prove he passed. This is better than a CSCE!

Please do not sell out all of us novice instructors Amateur Radio needs us! You can publish all the books you want to show somebody how to pass the test, But in the novice class and from the Elmers, you learn what Amateur Radio is really about. If this proposal goes through and Novice Instructors cannot give Exams, most of us won't be here to keep the new hams on the straight and narrow, and your job of inforcement will be harder.

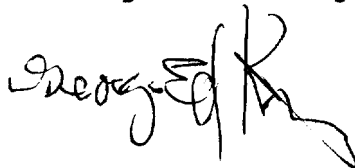
When I was little fellow my Grandpa always said "IF IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT"

The novice Program ain't broke and it don't need fixing!

Thank You

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George "ED" King

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Ed King". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.